

Legal Notice

Legal Notice of Opportunity to Object
Sanpoil Project
Republic Ranger District, Colville National Forest
May 27, 2020

The draft decision notice and final environmental assessment for the Sanpoil Project are now available for public review. The Sanpoil Project planning area is approximately 47,956 acres in size and is located in Ferry County, Washington.

The Proposed Action is the selected alternative and will authorize approximately 8,410 of silvicultural treatment acres as well as approximately 2,300 acres of shaded fuel breaks or ladder fuels reduction, 8,163 acres of hand or machine piling and burning, and 8,666 acres of underburning. To view the draft Decision Notice, final environmental assessment, and final specialist reports, please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50741>.

For additional information about how to object, contact Travis Fletcher, Republic District Ranger, at (509) 775-7415.

Instructions for Objections

The draft decision notice is subject to a 45-day objection period pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. The 45-day objection period begins on the date of publication of the legal notice in the newspaper of record (Ferry County View, Republic, Washington). Only individuals or organizations that submitted specific written comments during an opportunity for public participation (the scoping period or the 30-day comment period) are eligible to object (36 CFR 218.5). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the project or activity and attributed to the objector, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after the opportunities for comment.

Notices of objection must meet the minimum requirement of 36 CFR 218.8(d). Incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b). Minimum requirements are as follows:

- 1) Objector's name and address as defined in 218.2, with a telephone number, if available;
- 2) Signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic mail may be filed with the objection);
- 3) When multiple names are

listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector as defined in 218.2. Verification of the lead objector must be provided upon request or the reviewing officer will designate a lead objector as provided in 218.5(d);

4) The name of the proposed project, the name and title of the responsible official, and the name(s) of the national forest(s) and/or ranger district(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented;

5) A description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project; if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and

6) A statement that demonstrates the connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunity(ies) for comment.

The Responsible Official for this project is Travis Fletcher, Republic District Ranger. The Reviewing Officer is Rodney Smoldon, Forest Supervisor for the Colville National Forest. Objections must be postmarked or received by the Reviewing Officer within 45 days from the publication date of the legal notice in the Ferry County View, Republic, WA. The publication of the legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to file an objection should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

For emailed objections, the sender should receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of receipt for an objection, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely filing by other means.

Objections may be mailed to: Forest Supervisor, Objection Reviewing Officer, Attn: Objections, 765 South Main, Colville, WA 99114. Objections may be emailed to: objections-pnw-colville@usda.gov. Please put OBJECTION and the project name in the subject line. Electronic objections must be submitted as part of an actual email message, or as an attachment in Microsoft WORD (.doc or .docx), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf) only. Emails submitted to email addresses other than the one listed, or in formats other than those listed, or containing viruses, will be rejected.

Objections may also be faxed to: Forest Supervisor, Attn: 1570 Objections at (509) 684-7080.